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Applicant : Christoph Dorr
Serial No. : 09/640,038
Filing Date : August 16, 2000
For : BALL-AND-SOCKET JOINT
WITH BEARING SHELL
Group Art Unit : 3679
Examiner : Ernesto Garcia
Attorney Docket No. : TRW(EHR) 5042

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 19, 2002,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

A substitute specification, including a marked copy and a clean copy, is attached.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please rewrite claim 26, which was indicated as allowable as new claim 29, as follows:

29. A ball-and-socket joint comprising:

a joint housing having first and second axial ends;

*dictated
4-24-03
JL*

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